### Listening Test - The Ancient World

When we talk about the ancient world, we are talking about people who lived thousands of years ago. It is interesting to compare the way they lived to the way WE live today.

People from the ancient world amaze us. They were able to build huge things like pyramids without any machinery. Today, we have cranes to lift heavy stones. In Mexico, heavy stones were carried 70 kilometers through the forest. How did they do this without trucks?

People of the ancient world didn’t have computers or science laboratories like we have. But they still knew a lot about things like astronomy and medicine. For example, the ancient Egyptians mummified their dead. They would have needed a lot of knowledge about the human body and how to preserve things to do this. When people of the modern world found these bodies thousands of years later, they were able to learn how to mummify bodies too.

There were many bad things about living in the ancient world. If you were sick, there was no medical help like we have today. About one third of women would have died in childbirth. If people got diseases they usually died. They didn’t know much about health, so many people would have been malnourished. Their teeth would have been in a terrible and painful condition. They used harsh punishments that would be illegal in today’s world. Everything would have been very hard work with no machinery, no taps to supply water, no electricity and no shops to sell anything you needed. You also would have had to walk, ride a horse or ride a camel to get anywhere!

But life could have been better too! In the modern world, we worry about our money, education and jobs. In the modern world, phones, cars and computers mean people expect things to be done quickly! People of the ancient world didn’t worry about having the latest fashions because clothes were worn to keep them warm or just covered. People of the ancient world only had their food and water to worry about. Life was slower and simpler.

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1. It is interesting to study people from the ancient world because:
   1. We can compare the way they lived to the way we lived.
   2. They lived thousands of years ago.
   3. Because they are ancient.
2. People from the ancient world amaze us because:
   1. The built huge things without the help of machines.
   2. They moved heavy stones even without having trucks.
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3. One of the reasons we know ancient Egyptians were good at science was because:
   1. They had a lot of knowledge about astronomy.
   2. They mummified the bodies of their dead.
   3. We have learned from them.
4. Life would have been harder back then because:
   1. The people of the ancient world had diseases, but we do not.
   2. Many things were illegal.
   3. There was no modern medical help, punishments were harsh and there was no water or electricity.
5. Life in the ancient world would have been easier than our lives because:
   1. They always had the latest fashions.
   2. It was slower and simpler.
   3. They only had their education and jobs to worry about.